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LOCKE LORD BISSELL & LIDDELL EXPANDS IN LOS ANGELES WITH NEW ATTORNEYS, BIGGER OFFICES

(LOS ANGELES) October 29, 2008 – Committed to expanding its presence in the L.A. market, Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell announces that four accomplished attorneys, with backgrounds ranging from litigation to corporate and commercial matters, have joined its L.A. office. Leading the group of attorneys is Jon L. Rewinski, a trial lawyer with significant experience in complex commercial litigation. He joins Locke Lord as a Partner recognized for his courtroom skills, his business relationships and his high energy level. Also joining Locke Lord's L.A. office are Neal H. Brockmeyer (capital markets, corporate governance, and mergers and acquisitions), Christopher J. Husa (general corporate practice), and Stephen A. Tuggy (financial services and product liability). All four attorneys come to Locke Lord from Heller Ehrman.

The addition of these attorneys falls on the heels of Locke Lord's recent move to larger quarters in its downtown L.A. office building in order to accommodate its growing practices and to better serve its client base. Locke Lord now has 39 attorneys in L.A. and has increased its L.A. office space by 5,449 square feet to a total of 42,497 square feet on the 26th and 27th Floors of 300 S. Grand Avenue. The new space features bigger offices; larger, more modern conference rooms for clients; and room for further expansion.

"These attorney additions and growth of office space are in line with Locke Lord's commitment to expand in Los Angeles. We believe it is an important legal market for our attorneys and our clients," said Locke Lord Chair Jerry Clements. "We will continue to look for opportunities in Los Angeles, and will strategically work to continue growing the office to satisfy the needs and expectations of our clients."

Rewinski's practice includes all phases of commercial civil litigation before state, federal and bankruptcy courts, with experience in areas such as class action litigation, securities litigation, corporate dissolutions, derivative actions, intellectual property, unfair competition, employment and other tort and commercial matters. Brockmeyer represents publicly-held and closely-held entities in corporate governance and their ongoing business affairs, and has extensive experience with public and private equity and debt financing, business acquisitions and divestitures. Husa has counseled buyers and sellers in mergers and acquisitions involving a variety of industries, including automotive products, hospitality, computer hardware and software, cosmetics, real estate, food services and health care products. Tuggy has substantial experience in product liability and mass tort defense, class actions, business tort litigations, directors' and officers' liability cases, corporate trust, unfair competition, and antitrust.

"These four attorneys bring additional depth to our strong litigation, general commercial transactions, and corporate representation practices, and will be a tremendous asset to our Firm," said Mitch Popham, Managing Partner of Locke Lord's L.A. office. "In addition, by adding

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more space to our L.A. office, Locke Lord is dedicated to offering our clients increased capabilities and giving our attorneys the additional resources they need to serve our clients more effectively.”

Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP is a full-service, national law firm of approximately 700 attorneys with offices in Atlanta, Austin, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, London, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Sacramento and Washington, D.C. With a vast geographic scope, and a national reputation in complex litigation, regulatory and transactional work, Locke Lord is focused on achieving client success as a team. Among Locke Lord’s many strong practice areas are appellate, aviation, corporate, class action litigation, employee benefits, energy, environmental, financial services, health care, insurance and reinsurance , intellectual property, labor and employment, public law, real estate, regulatory, REIT, tax and technology.

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